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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,2 and 5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,2 and 5 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2-12-2004.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The preliminary amendment filed on February 27, 2004 is acknowledged.

Claims 1, 2 and 5 are pending.

Claims 3 and 4 have been canceled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yasui et al (US 4,942,588).

Regarding claim 1,

Yasui et al illustrates in figure 10a a laser device having laser medium (3) [applicant's amplifying section], illustrates a mirror (1) [applicant's optical element] having a partial reflection film (12) [applicant's partially reflection portion] and a total reflection film (61) [applicant's total reflection portion], where the combination of films serve as an aperture to form the laser beam (41) as illustrated in figure 10b.

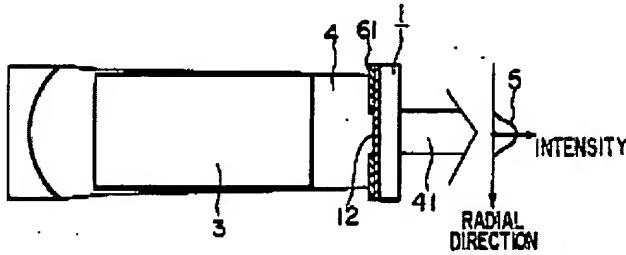
Regarding claim 2,

Yasui et al illustrates in figure 10a a laser device having laser medium (3) [applicant's amplifying section], illustrates a mirror (1) [applicant's front mirror] having a

partial reflection film (12) [applicant's partial reflecting portion] and a total reflection film (61) [applicant's total reflecting portion], where the combination of films serve as an aperture to form the laser beam (41) as illustrated in figure 10b.

FIG.10a

FIG.10b

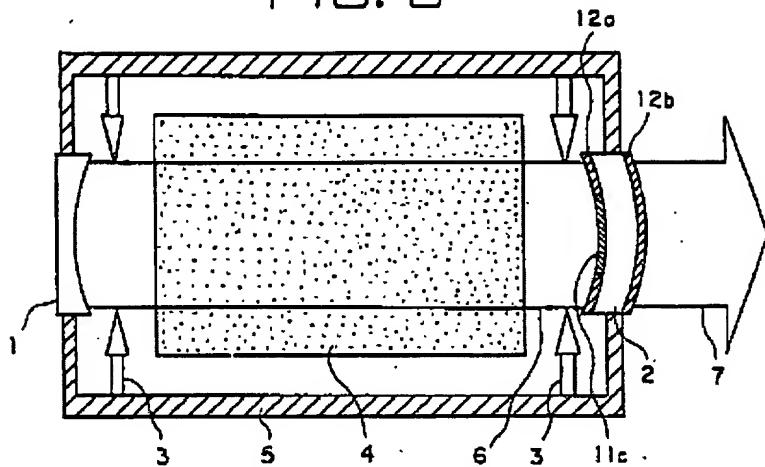


Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Takenaka et al (US 5,506,858).

Regarding claim 5,

Takenaka et al illustrates in figure 3 a laser system having a laser medium (4) [applicant's amplifying section], having apertures (3) [applicant's front and rear slit] and a mirror (2) [applicant's front mirror] with a partial reflection film (11c) [applicant's low transmission portion] and an antireflection film (12a) [applicant's high transmission portion].

FIG. 3



Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ARMANDO RODRIGUEZ whose telephone number is 571-272-1952. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MINSUN HARVEY can be reached on 571-272-1835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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